

Featured Speakers



Senator Russell Feingold

Senator Russell Feingold, Keynote Speaker

Senator Feingold, who lives in Middleton, was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1992 and re-elected in 1998. He currently serves on the Senate's Judiciary, Foreign Relations, and Budget Committees and its Special Committee on Aging. Among the hallmarks of his Senate career so far are his tireless efforts toward federal campaign finance reform and the annual listening sessions he holds in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties. Feingold represented Wisconsin's 27th Senatorial District for ten years prior to his election to the U.S. Senate.

Siva Vaidhyanathan, President's Luncheon Speaker

A media scholar and former journalist, Dr. Vaidhyanathan is the author of *Copyrights and Copywrongs: The Rise of Intellectual Property and How It Threatens Creativity*. His next book, *Life in a Distributed Age*, is about Napster and the ways we regulate our information ecosystem. Before joining the Department of Culture and Communication of New York University, he was an assistant professor at the UW-Madison School of Library and Information Studies.



Siva Vaidhyanathan

Mary Babula

Mary Babula is the Director of Membership Services and Outreach for the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, the largest membership organization in Wisconsin for the early childhood care and education work force. She has worked for WECA for 20 years, and previously worked for ten years in a child care center. She is the Chair of the Wisconsin Child Care and Education Coalition. Mary has her master's in Continuing and Vocational Education and her bachelor's in Social Work, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jim Bahler

Jim Bahler was born and raised in upstate New York, moving to Wisconsin to attend Milton College. He graduated in 1973 with majors in English and Sociology. He has been employed for 26 years by Rock County Human Services. A lifelong student of the graphic arts, Jim opened his retail business, Jim's Comics, in 1990. A resident of Janesville, he also sells comic books and related merchandise at weekend flea markets throughout Wisconsin. He enjoys sharing his knowledge of this contemporary art form.



Mary Babula

Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Susan Campbell Bartoletti is the author of the award-winning nonfiction photo-essays *Growing Up in Coal Country* (an ALA Notable Children's Book) and *Kids on Strike!* (a *School Library Journal* Best Book of 1999). Her most recent work, *Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850*, is the result of many years of dedicated research through library, museum, and newspaper archives, as well as diaries and letters. Ms. Bartoletti spent 18 years teaching eighth-grade English, and has also taught creative writing at Binghamton University, New York. She is a visiting professor of creative writing at the graduate program in children's literature at Hollins University, Virginia.

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Marylaine Block

Marylaine Block was the head of reference at St. Ambrose University's library for 22 years, as well as creator of their Web site, Best Information on the Net. As one of the earliest librarian guides to the Internet, it garnered her a reputation as a "guru," and indirectly led to her writing a weekly online column, "My Word's Worth," for a British online magazine. Now a freelance writer and speaker, she publishes two e-zines for librarians, *Neat New Stuff I Found This Week* and *ExLibris*. She's written articles for many library publications, and is currently working on another book, *Planning for Side-Effects: How Librarians are Managing the Unintended Consequences of Our Technologies*.

Susanne Bunkers

Susanne Bunkers is professor of English and director of the honors program at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Her newest work, *Diaries of Girls and Women: A Midwestern American Sampler*, is published by the University of Wisconsin Press. She was a general editor and consultant for a middle-school-oriented series on adolescents' diaries, letters, and memoirs for Capstone Press. Dr. Bunkers speaks internationally on the topics of autobiography, critical thinking, women writers, and multicultural literature. She received her doctorate at UW-Madison.

Nick Glass

Nick Glass has thoroughly enjoyed his circuitous professional route to the founding of TeachingBooks, an Internet resource for connecting educators to children's book authors and curricular resources. After six seasons as an executive in Major League Baseball, he studied education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received a masters and completed his PhD coursework in the history of multicultural education. He became a book-seller for the independent Pooh Corner bookstore, and was their Events Coordinator. It was in this capacity—working with thousands of educators—that his vision for TeachingBooks.net was formed.

Kathleen T. Horning

Kathleen Horning is a librarian and coordinator of Special Collections at the Cooperative Children's Book Center of the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For nine years she was also a children's librarian at Madison Public Library. She is the author of *From Cover to Cover: Evaluating and Reviewing Children's Books* (HarperCollins, 1997) and is a regular reviewer for *Horn Book* magazine. She edited *Alternative Press Publishers of Children's Books: A Directory* and co-authored both volumes of *Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults*. She has chaired and served on many children's book award committees, and frequently lectures to librarians on issues in evaluating literature for children and young adults.



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Stevan P. Layne

Debra Wilcox Johnson

Debra Wilcox Johnson is a partner in Johnson & Johnson Consulting, a firm specializing in management, evaluation, literacy, and training. Dr. Johnson consults and trains throughout the U.S. on topics such as planning, customer service, coping with technology, and creating an effective workplace. Her clients have included the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, ALA, the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, and various library agencies. Dr. Johnson has taught at the University of Wisconsin and currently teaches for the University of Illinois via the Internet. She holds a doctorate from UW-Madison. Dr. Johnson is known for her practical (and sometimes humorous) approach to library work.

Stevan P. Layne

Stevan P. Layne, is a nationally recognized leader in library protection, security management, emergency preparedness, and workplace violence prevention. He is a Certified Protection Professional and Certified Institutional Protection Manager. A former police chief, criminal investigator, and public safety director, Steve now operates a successful international consulting firm. He has conducted his workshops at ALA, PLA, the Smithsonian Institution, and dozens of state and local library associations.



James N. Morrison

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Jim Morrison is president of James N. Morrison & Associates, a speaking and leadership training program. He provides speeches and workshops to business and community groups on topics such as goal setting, effective meetings, time management, leadership, motivation, and giving your own presentations. He is a member of the National Speakers' Association, and was awarded the Spirit of Service Award by the Wisconsin Professional Speakers' Association. He is past president of Wisconsin's largest Optimist Club, and plays in a "50's" rock band (no, he's not *that* Jim Morrison).

William R. Mott

William Mott is the senior partner in the firm Library Funding Associates. He serves on the faculty for the Association of Research Libraries Development Institute, an intensive training program held periodically for library development officers. Bill has served as Director of Development for the Vanderbilt University Libraries, and was Director of Library Services at Greensboro College. He is the author of the chapter on "Public Relations" in the book *Raising Money for Academic and Research Libraries*. He has a PhD in educational administration and an MLS from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.



William R. Mott

Marion C. Smith

Marion C. Smith is the Director of Labor Research in the Milwaukee office of Michael Best & Friedrich. Marion's background includes extensive experience in collective bargaining, contract proposals, and management and personnel issues. Her work includes numerous union election campaigns. A frequent speaker on collective bargaining strategy and management issues, Marion personally serves as the coordinated bargaining adviser to the Wisconsin Technical Colleges. She has co-authored several books, including the *Strike Prevention and Control Handbook*.

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Stuart Stotts

Stuart Stotts has performed throughout the Midwest since 1985, delighting audiences in schools, libraries, festivals, conference and community concerts. He uses humor, song motions, group singing, storytelling, and original songs to create a sense of fun, belonging and community with every audience. His songs have been recorded by acoustic artists around the country, and he has made several recordings himself. Stuart co-authored a book of Wisconsin ghost stories, *The Bookcase Ghost*.

David J. Ward

David J. Ward is President of NorthStar Economics and Senior Vice-President Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin-System. During his career as a professor of finance, Professor Ward was active as a financial and economic consultant and worked for a number of private sector firms including Kimberly Clark, Honeywell, and Lands End. He also worked extensively as a forensic economist testifying in numerous cases in federal and circuit courts. He was the co-author of a college level text on personal finance and the author and host of two educational television series.



Stuart Stotts

Mary Jane Wiseman

Dr. Mary Jane Wiseman is on the faculty at the School of Library and Information Science at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She received her PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Wiseman has extensive classroom experience in teaching required and survey courses in literature for children and young adults. Dr. Wiseman was the Youth Services supervisor at the Neenah Public Library, and was awarded the Charles Scribner Award.

Anna Yackle

Anna Yackle is a Resource Sharing Consultant at the North Suburban Library System in Illinois. She has worked as both a paraprofessional and a professional in a variety of library settings, including two law firms, a government documents department of a large academic library, three public libraries, and a library system. She received her master's from the University of Illinois.



Fran Zell

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Fran Zell, this year's Banta Award winner for *The Marcy Stories*, grew up near Cleveland, Ohio. She lives in Madison, where she teaches and writes fiction, poetry, plays, radio essays, and other nonfiction. She is a former feature writer and restaurant critic for the *Chicago Tribune*. Fran has been a resident writer at Ragdale, the Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, and the Dorset Colony. *The Marcy Stories*, a series of inter-connected short stories, is her first novel.